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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend paragraph [0001] on page 2 of the specification as follows:

[0001] This application is a continuation of ~~US patent application~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 09/523,817, filed March 13, 2000, now US 6,746,425 B1, which is a continuation-in-part of US ~~patent application~~ 08,873,413 U.S. Patent Application No. 08/873,413, filed June 12, 1997, which claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of ~~US provisional application~~ U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/019,931, filed June 14, 1996, each of which is expressly incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

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